

Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department





Date: March 3, 2009

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Ward 3 – Bee Swarm – 4600 Block of East 29th Street

March 4, 2009

Dispatch Time – 1343 On-Scene Time – 1347

Three people and one dog were walking to their 2nd floor apartment past a swarm of bees that had been in a palm tree near their apartment for a of couple days. Two people and one dog were stung several times. They ran down the stairs and got inside their vehicle for shelter. 9-1-1 was called. Engine 11 and Paramedic 11 arrived on scene to find two people and one dog stung. They refused medical evaluation and left the scene. Engine 11 sprayed the bees with foam. A ladder crew was dispatched to assist with water removal from the balcony and pool area. The apartment manager was also notified. Nobody else was stung.

Safety Message: If you encounter a swarm of bees, leave them alone and call a bee removal expert to safely remove them. If you are being chased by bees, cover your head and face and run in the opposite direction. Avoid swatting at bees since that can annoy them even further.